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## Timely Tidbits ...

### 3 Contend for Board of Education Seat

Spokespersons for the Romulus City Clerk's office report that three candidates have registered for the next school election, to be held on Tuesday, May 8.

Incumbent Niema White and challengers Danielle Funderburg and Sandy Crout all filed petitions with the required minimum of 40 registered voters' signatures by the February 13 deadline.

The trio will vie for a single four-year term on the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education.

District residents who have not yet registered to vote must do so by Monday, April 9, if they wish to participate in the election.

### Student Auditions Set for *Dreamgirls*

In response to an invitation extended by DreamWorks Pictures, the Detroit Theatre for the Dramatic Arts is providing an opportunity for students from Romulus Community Schools to audition for an all-student production of the Broadway musical, *Dreamgirls*.

Auditions will be held at Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School February 27–28, March 1, and March 6–8. (Students should check with their school for specific information on dates and times.)

*Dreamgirls* – loosely based on the history of Motown and one of the world's most successful female vocal groups, the Supremes – requires a diverse cast of boys and girls in grades 7–12. Auditions are open to all RCS students who are either accompanied by a parent or have written parental permission. Students should be prepared to sing one song and present a one- to two-minute monologue or poem. Auditions for this free event will be organized on a first-come/first-served basis.

Volunteers who wish to assist with students should call DTDA at 313-964-3133 or visit [www.detroittheatreforthedramaticarts.org](http://www.detroittheatreforthedramaticarts.org). □

## Wick Elementary Earns Michigan's Prestigious "Blue-Ribbon School" Designation for 2006–07



Members of the State of Michigan "Blue Ribbon" Site Review Team – including (front row, from left) Gail McGee, Donna Cahalan, Diane Alley (Site Review Team chair), Caroline Patts, and Ann Renaud – were impressed by Wick Elementary's strong commitment to educational excellence. Welcoming them to the school were: (back, from left) Tom Dolan (Curriculum Department director, Romulus Community Schools), Ed Clark (Human Resources Department director, RCS), ShaVonna Johnson (principal, Wick Elementary), Carl J. Weiss (superintendent, RCS), and Karensa Fitch (learning specialist/Blue Ribbon chairperson, Wick Elementary).

The Michigan Board of Education has announced that Wick Elementary School is one of only 23 elementary schools statewide to earn the prestigious "Blue Ribbon" designation for 2006–2007. Wick was selected for this honor by a group of state-appointed peer-review committees and a site visitation team, according to Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse.

"Michigan's Blue Ribbon program, which was established in 1982, is much more rigorous than the national Blue Ribbon program," said Kruse. "Michigan schools are evaluated on academic achievement, accreditation, school organization and culture, student focus and support, curriculum, and teaching quality, as well as family and community partnerships.

"The national program uses only academic achievement scores," he added.

Michigan Board of Education president Kathleen Straus also commented on the state's vigorous selection process, noting, "The Blue Ribbon program's selection committee chose these schools as meeting some very tough

criteria in delivering quality education to their students. All these schools, their teachers, students, parents, and communities should be very proud of their accomplishment."

Wick principal ShaVonna Johnson was extremely pleased to have her school receive such a distinguished honor.

"Our staff, students, and parents here at Wick are really great to work with, and the Blue Ribbon achievement speaks highly of the extra efforts necessary from everyone to win this award," she stated.

Wick staff members, headed by Blue Ribbon chair Karensa Fitch, had to complete and submit a comprehensive 50-page report regarding key criteria on school effectiveness in order to be considered for the award.

Blue Ribbon site visitation team leader Diane Alley, who is the principal at Randall Elementary School in Taylor, was struck by the work ethic shown by Wick students.

"I am impressed with the students being 'on task' in all the classrooms we visited, and with the Compass Learning Odyssey computer software program

that guided them through the State benchmarks at their respective grade levels," said Alley. "I also really liked the school's three computer labs and the Body Phonics program that helps younger students picture words as they learn," she added.

Wick Blue Ribbon chair Fitch noted that the Site Review Team "confirmed the effectiveness of instruction at Wick by examining the results of extensive student assessments, and by reviewing the school's Adequate Yearly Progress and Education YES! report card grades." Wick received an "A" on its 2005 Education YES! report card.

Tom Dolan, Curriculum Department director for the Romulus Community Schools, was especially proud of Wick's Blue Ribbon designation.

"The award reflects well on all six of our elementary schools, as they each use and implement the same curriculum," said Dolan. "Our district's 'Teaching and Learning Manual' is very detailed, and provides the opportunities for all Romulus schools and their students to maximize their educational accomplishments."

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## Letter to the Editor

### Crout Thanks DPW for Great "Snow Job"

To the Editor:

I just want to say "thank you" to the City of Romulus Department of Public Works employees for the fine job they have been doing. When the recent snow storm hit, they did a great job plowing and salting our roads. They had all the main and side roads cleared within 24 hours. I have been in other cities two days after a heavy snow, and they still had snow on the side roads. I think our DPW workers are the best around.

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great job cutting the grass in our city and keeping our cemetery looking good.

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To all our DPW employees, I would like to say that I appreciate your hard work and thank you for the good job you've been doing.

Sincerely,  
Harry Crout, Councilman  
City of Romulus ☐

### Wick Receives "Blue Ribbon" Award

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Romulus Community Schools superintendent Carl J. Weiss was pleased to note that Wick's Blue Ribbon award was the second such award given to a District elementary school in the past three years.

"The Romulus Board of Education, staff members, and administrators are very proud of the high distinction brought to the Romulus Community Schools by both Wick Elementary and our 2005 Blue Ribbon winner, Barth Elementary,"

he stated.

Weiss concluded by noting, "The future for the Romulus school district is very bright. All of our schools made Adequate Yearly Progress this past year; our MEAP [Michigan Educational Assessment Program] scores showed significant improvement in reading, math, and writing; and Romulus is now among only two Western Wayne County school districts to have received two Michigan Blue Ribbon awards over the past three years." ☐

### 4 RHS Students Take Ice-carving Prizes



Romulus High School student Justin Kuderik was proud to show off his "fish" sculpture, which recently took fourth-place honors in the high-school division at the annual Ice-carving Festival held in Plymouth, Michigan. Altogether, RHS students captured four prizes, ranging from third to sixth place. For more photos, please see page 3.

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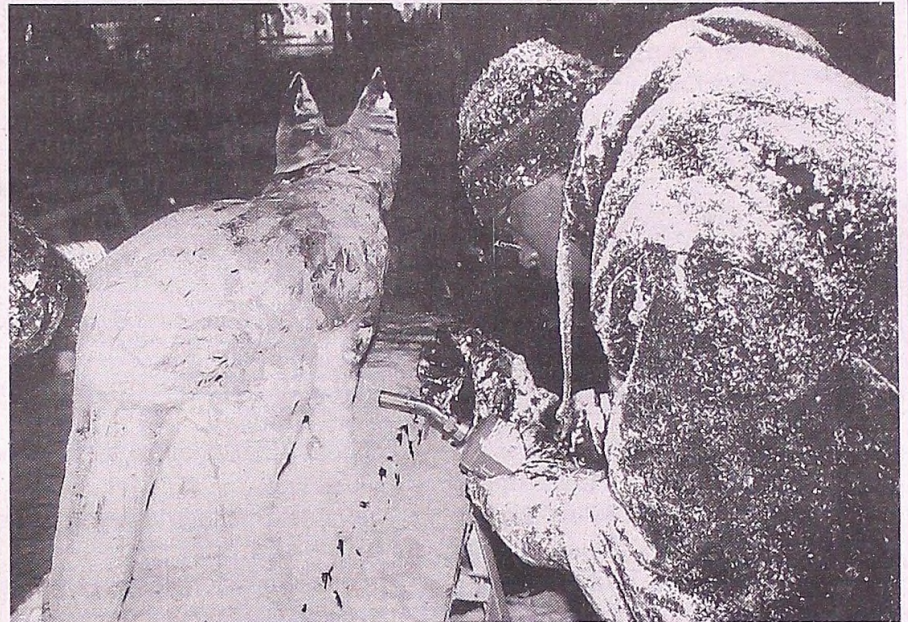
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## Ice-carving Festival



Marcus Richardson put the final touches on his wolf, which took third place in the high-school division at the Plymouth Ice-carving Festival.



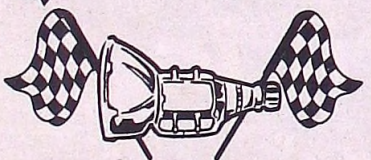
Brittany Turner's love bird captured fifth place in the high-school division, which featured entrants from 12 other teams.



Courtney Blakeney was nearly as icy as her sculpture, which garnered sixth-place honors.

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## Band Students Win 70 Medals at Solo & Ensemble Festival

Band students from Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School won a combined 70 medals at the recent District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival, held at Livonia's Franklin High School. Altogether, 13 presentations from RHS and 10 from RMS earned the coveted first-division ratings.

RHS band director Henry James said he was very pleased with his students' overall total of 13 first-division scores and 8 second-division ratings.

"We had 33 different students attend the festival, and they won 37 medals between them – a very good showing by historical standards," he stated.

James noted that RHS students with first-division ratings will be eligible to attend next month's State Festival, where judging standards are more rigorous. Soloists will be able to earn scores on proficiency examinations that include sight reading and scales from memory.

RMS band director Mark Fernandez was complimentary about his students' performance, as well.

"We had 5 different clarinet duets receive a "I" rating this year out of our 10 first-division events, and 28 students overall won a total of 33 medals."

RHS first-division winners were:

- Alex Lipkowski (snare drum solo)
- Jessica Mills (flute solo)
- Kyle Sherwood (alto saxophone solo)
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- Kevin Stobbe (xylophone solo)
- Brandon Williams (tenor saxophone solo)
- Sheila Reeves and Shawn Reeves (clarinet duet)
- Megan Hammonds and Christine Celske (flute duet)
- Tricia Wanamaker and Jessica Mills (flute duet)
- La'Sadie White and Jocelyn Bodden (flute duet)
- Dwight Sadler, Samantha Stewart, and Ciara Turner (trumpet trio)
- Asha Jordan, Arianna Diebel, Caitlynn Lefler, and Melissa Peterson (clarinet quartet)
- Troy Gray, Randall Norfleet, Kevin Stobbe, Joshua Baxter, Kyle Sherwood, and Alex Lipkowski (percussion sextet)

RHS students receiving second-division marks were:

- Joshua Baxter (snare drum solo)
- JoAnna Ezell (clarinet solo)
- Megan Hammonds (flute solo)
- Kevin Stobbe (snare drum solo)
- Shelby Hardrick and Amber Sears (flute duet)
- Krystal Wegrzyn and Amber Sears (flute duet)
- Vaughn Liendo and Jetaun Robinson (trumpet duet)
- Tanisha Hubbard, Shaniya Dye, and Rachel Arthur (flute trio)

First-division winners from RMS were:

- Eric Wands (alto saxophone solo)
- Eric Wands and Travis Trout (alto saxophone duet)
- Laina Barnes and Jasmine Brewer (clarinet duet)
- Christopher Chapman and Michelle Mayfield (clarinet duet)
- Brittany Francis and Chelsea Allen (clarinet duet)
- Holly Hammond and Kayte Nickel (clarinet duet)
- Sarah Orr and Brittini Hillard (clarinet duet)
- Breonna Blakely and Arlene Yancey (flute duet)
- Savannah Moffat and Dayna Hearod (snare drum duet)
- Joanna Rogers, Katelynn Buyer, and Kelly McGlynn (flute trio)

RMS students receiving second-division marks were:

- Kara Delay (flute solo)
- Leslie Johnson and Mark Diebel (alto saxophone duet)
- Courtnee Johnson and Chelsea Allen (clarinet duet)
- Sarah Orr and Carman Plank (clarinet duet)
- Ben Satterlee and Ben Camilleri (trumpet duet)
- Kara Delay, Katelynn Buyer, and Kelly McGlynn (flute trio)

For photos of some first-division winners from RMS, please see page 5.

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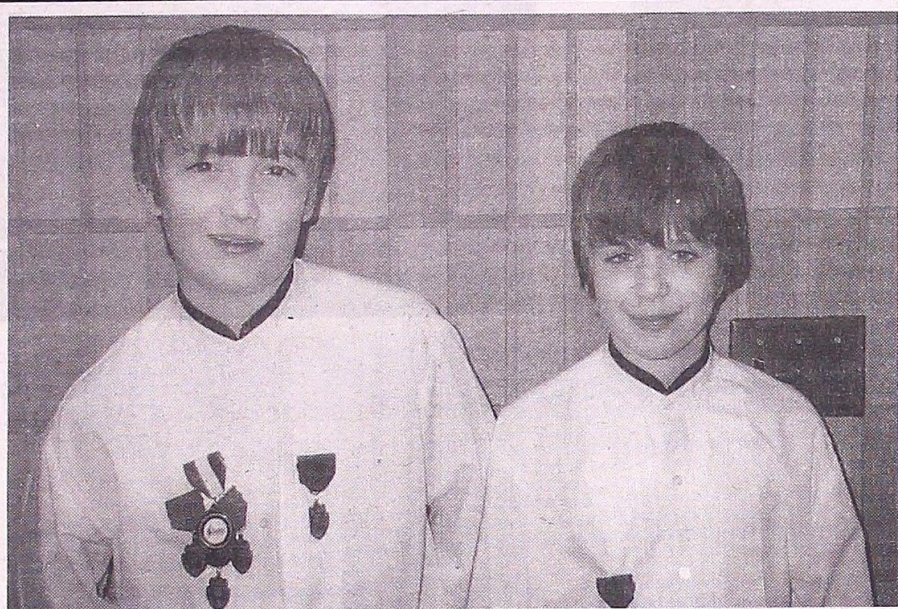
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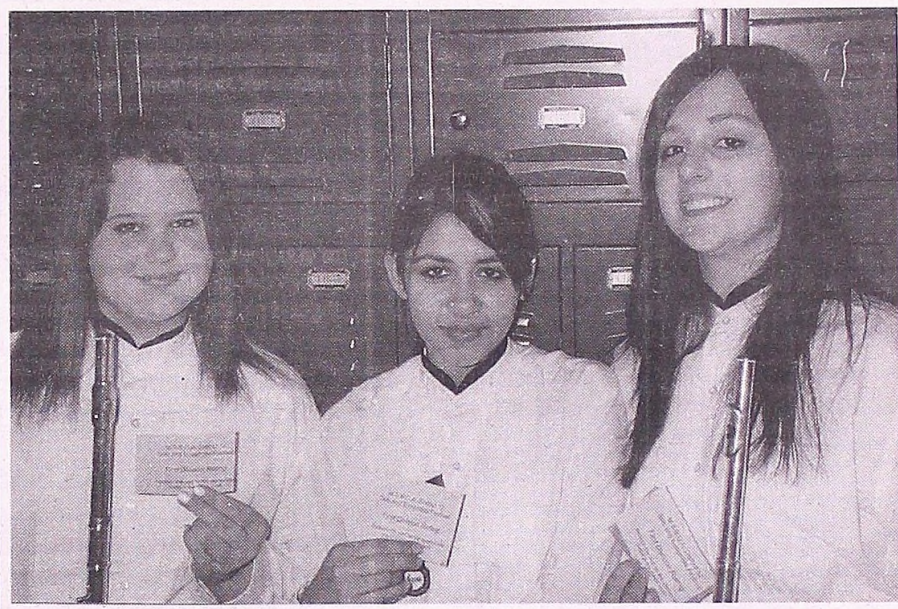
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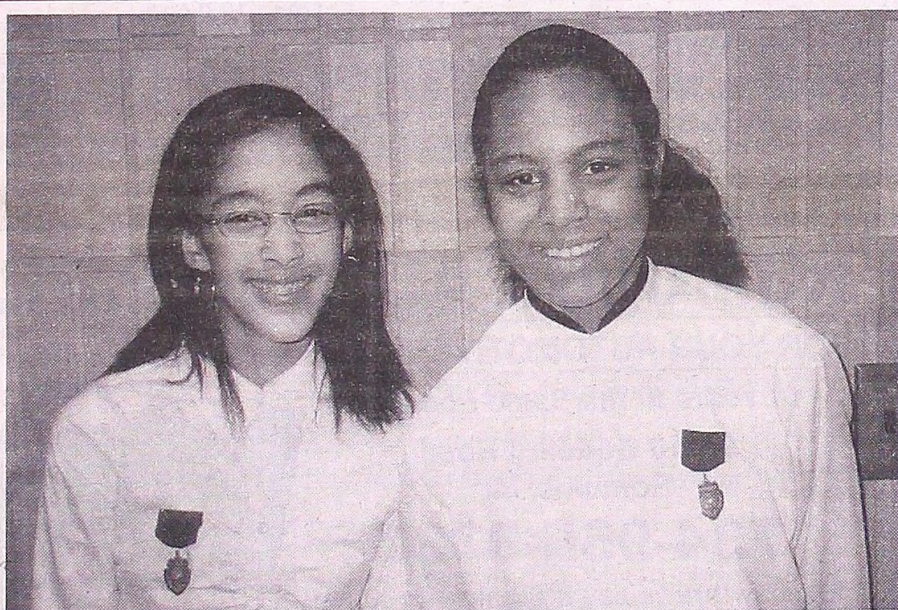
# Solo & Ensemble Fest



Romulus Middle School students Eric Wands (left) and Travis Trout received a first-division rating on their alto saxophone duet.



Earning a first-division rating on their flute trio were RMS students (from left) Joanna Rogers, Katelynn Buyer, and Kelly McGlynn.



Laina Barnes (left) and Jasmine Brewer were among several RMS students to garner a first-division rating on a clarinet duet.



RMS students Sarah Orr (left) and Brittini Hillard also received a "I" on their clarinet duet.



RMS students Chelsea Allen (left) and Brittany Francis were yet another of the clarinet duets to earn a first-division rating.



Achieving a "I" on their snare drum duet were RMS students Dayna Heard (left) and Savannah Moffat.



## Guest Commentary

### Dingell Disapproves of Iraq "Plan"

*Editor's note: On February 13, Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI15) spoke on the House floor regarding H. Con. Res. 63, expressing support for our troops and disapproving of the President's escalation plan in Iraq. Below are some of his prepared remarks.*

"[I]t has been four years since the first American soldier crossed into the deserts of Iraq, and almost four years since President Bush declared victory. Since then, more than 3,100 Americans have been killed, 24,000 have been wounded, and anywhere from 40,000 to 100,000 Iraqis have died.

"As a veteran, and as an American, I rise in opposition to the President's plan to send an additional 20,000 men and women to the front.

"Our soldiers have done a superlative job, and I support them fully. However, it's the leadership here in Washington that has been less than stellar.

"I am against this plan, if it even can be called a plan, because it is simply a tragic rerun of the strategies and tactics that have consistently failed over the last four years.

"I am against this surge because it will not make America safer; because it will put more lives at risk; because it continues to neglect the battle in Afghanistan; and because it completely turns away the necessary diplomatic and political recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

"Iraq became the central front in the 'War on Terrorism' because the Administration has made it so.

"Vice President Cheney said of the insurgency that it was in 'its last throes.' ... [T]he National Intelligence Estimates said fanatical terrorism has now, and I quote, 'metastasized and spread across the globe.'

"At each possible turning point—the toppling of the Saddam Hussein statue; the dissolving of the Iraqi army; the creation of the Iraqi constitution; the vote for the constitution; the parliamentary elections; the capture of Saddam; or the death of Zarqawi—the Bush Administration has told us that the victory is at hand.

"Today, peaceful and stable outcomes, much less absolute victory, are further away than ever before. Regional chaos has become more likely.

"... [T]he debate about Iraq now is not whether we should or shouldn't have gone in; nor is it about whether or not victory is at hand. Instead, because of poor Presidential leadership, the debate is about whether there will be more deaths if we leave or more deaths if we stay.

"I don't know the answer to that question. I am not sure if any of us do. But I do know that when faced with a choice of approving of the President's policy or giving a vote of no confidence, the choice is easy.

"I cannot support, nor will I condone, any policy that continues the long train of failure that brought us to this point.

"... I know there are some commentators and defenders of the Administration that assert that Iraq is too important, too vital to our national interest, to be debated or to be criticized.

"I want to ask those who believe this, if Iraq is so fundamental to our safety and security, why did we not use enough troops? Why did we under equip them? Why are we financing the war on the cheap? And why are we so afraid to find a political settlement with Iraq's neighbors?

"None of these questions can be answered by the President or his defenders. That is why we have a duty to disapprove of the 'more of the same' policy of this Administration. ..." □

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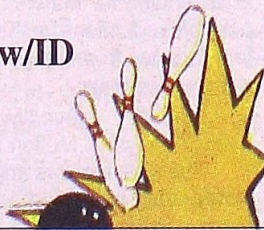
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Proceeds from all rabies shots and nail services will be donated to the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. □

## Check Out These Library Programs

#### Black History Month Celebration

The Romulus Public Library will celebrate Black History Month with a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 26. Guest speaker for the event will be Mr. Rudy Barker.

The program is free and open to the public.

#### Weather Workshop

"Backyard Meteorology: Forecasting the Future" - the final workshop in a series co-sponsored by the Romulus Public Library, the Ann Arbor Exhibit Museum of Natural History, and University of Michigan science students - will be held at the Library at 6 p.m. on Monday, March

19. The free, hands-on program is designed to provide families with opportunities to read and learn together about changing climate.

#### Preschool Story Time

Space still remains in the current Preschool Storytime program, open to children three to five years old. Parents may choose between the Wednesday morning (10:30 a.m.) and Tuesday evening (6:30 p.m.) sessions, which will run through March 27-28. For more information, or to register, please call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. □



## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 22, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 22, 2007, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member April Frayer was absent (excused). Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**01/07/12** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**01/07/13** Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2007, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following Personnel Actions for Board approval.

FYI—RESIGNATION: LaZonja Smith, Media Technician, Effective January 12, 2007.

##### Bills for Payment

**01/07/14** Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Ms. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Resolution – David Forbush – Eagle Scout

**01/07/15** Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education adopt a resolution of commendation for David Forbush for earning the Boys Scouts of America Eagle Scout Badge. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Adult/Alternative Education Graduates

Ms. Sharman Spieser, Director of Adult/Alternative Education, appeared before the Board of Education to present 2006–2007 graduates (to date) with diplomas.

##### University of Michigan – Gear Up

Ms. Phyllis Adkins, Principal, Romulus Middle School, appeared before the Board of Education to discuss the GEAR UP/College Day program that has been initiated at Romulus Middle School with seventh-grade students for the 2006–2007 school year. (Students will be followed for six years, through graduation from high school.) The GEAR UP/College Day mission is to provide an opportunity for underrepresented students to discover, firsthand, the potential of a college education, and to expose students to the information, knowledge, and skills that they need to complete high school and adequately prepare themselves for college entry and success.

##### Presentation – Kellie Knight – Halecreek Elementary

Ms. Kellie Knight, Principal, Halecreek Elementary School, gave an overview of programs at Halecreek for the 2006–2007 school year.

##### Limited Schools of Choice

**01/07/16** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by White, that the Board of Education declare Halecreek Elementary School, Merriman Elementary School, and Cory Elementary School (grades K–6) "Schools of Choice" under Section 105 of the School Code. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications or expressions from the public.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Chartwells Newsletter; 2) Thank You – Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee; 3) Thank You – Individuals – Martin Luther King, Jr.; 4) Boys & Girls Clubs – Membership Report; 5) Barth Elementary School News; 6) RESA – The Planner; and 7) High School Graduation Requirements.

##### QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, informed the Board that the District will experience a shortfall of revenue from the State of Michigan in the amount of approximately \$230 per child. This would be a District revenue loss of about \$800,000 if proration occurs.

Superintendent Weiss further stated that preliminary Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores were published today. At the Board's next meeting, Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, will provide members with a report on the final MEAP scores for grades 3–9.

Ms. Betty Lenossi stated that the program celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was excellent, and had a great turnout.

Mr. Tom Kuderik stated that the culinary arts class at Romulus High School competed in the annual ice-carving competition held in Plymouth, Michigan, and took third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place.

Ms. Cheryle Buckley reminded the Board of its next Study Session, scheduled for January 30, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

**01/07/17** Moved by White, supported by Buckley, to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Niema White, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### STUDY SESSION, JANUARY 30, 2007

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**01/07/18** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### STUDY SESSION:

Ms. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations, explained that, due to cost increases, there will be a budget shortfall of \$2.5 million for the 2007–2008 school year.

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, reviewed recommendations for possible budget reductions totaling \$2.7 million for the 2007–2008 school year.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jason Salhaney, President of REA, spoke to the Board about revenue enhancing as a means to balance the budget without cutting staff.

Ms. Kim Wells, representing AFSCME Local 64, expressed concern regarding the impact of budget reductions on District employees.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:

**01/07/19** Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7 (Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Lenossi, and White). Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

**01/07/20** Moved by Kuderik, supported by Mientkiewicz, that the Board reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7 (Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Lenossi, and White). Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:28 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

**01/07/21** Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Niema White, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### STUDY SESSION, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**02/07/1** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### STUDY SESSION – BUDGET REDUCTION FOR 2007–2008

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of possible budget reductions for the 2007–2008 school year. The Board reviewed items as presented by number, and discussed possibilities for reduction in the 2007–2008 school year.

The Board requested that items be prioritized.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Kim Wells, President of AFSCME Local 64, asked that the Board of Education review and consider recommendations that were made by Local 64. Ms. Wells further suggested that the Board consider seeking business partnerships should the District decide to go with pay-to-play sports.

Ms. Betty Santo, Romulus Middle School teacher, asked the Board of Education to keep in mind that, should activity buses be cut, it would affect other students who utilize these services in other clubs and organizations.

Mr. Jason Salhaney, President of REA, asked that the community be given more opportunity to review the list of possible cuts for the 2007–2008 school year.

A Special Meeting scheduled for February 20, 2007, was canceled. A Study Session is scheduled for March 12, 2007, to allow the Board of Education to review the list of possible reductions for the 2007–2008 school year. After this, a meeting will be scheduled for response from the general public.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

**02/07/2** Moved by Buckley, supported by Frayer, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Niema White, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education



# Romulus Students Recognized for Superior Academics

Congratulations to the following students, whose hard work earned them a spot on the honor roll for the second marking period of 2006-2007.

## Barth Elementary

### ALL A's

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Russell

Taryn Bergman.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Street

Jutta Kemutambah and Matthew Reierstad.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Rayshon Aikens, Kayla Brooks, Lacey Cody, Elizabeth Krampitz, Adrian Maloy, Elisabeth Mullins, Paige Randall, Jayvin Street, Chase Vondrak, and Devon Wade.

#### Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

Sierra Coleman, Miranda Moffat, and Alexis Paige.

#### Fourth Grade – Mr. Legg

Hunter Kovenich.

#### Fifth Grade – Mr. Legg

Emmanuel Boykins-Harris.

#### Fifth Grade – Mrs. Mientkiewicz

Krista Wilkewitz and Jeremy Zabik.

#### Fifth Grade – Mr. Smith

Savannah Leininger and Alexa Snyder.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Levi Eddings and Danielle Herbert.

#### Sixth Grade – Mr. Legg

Justin Anderson, Lilbert Gregory, and Colin Tomlinson.

#### Sixth Grade – Ms. Siegenthaler

Caitlyn Hay.

### HONORS

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Russell

Jackson Arold, Kevin Beard, Sarah Bossidis, Herbert Buckley, Amber Dyer, Alex Fairfield, Nicholas Helton, Megan Hines, Jamie Laura, Julie Littler, Hannah Satterlee, Jada Street, Dustin Thornsbury, Kaylin Webb, Dylan Wiley, and Tazhane Willis.

#### Third Grade – Mrs. Street

Vanessa Barden, Daylon Harrison, Jacob Jones, MacKenna Sauers, Calvin Smith, and Katrina Wilson.

#### Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Jessica Dunn, Jameshia Kirkland, and Zachary Kouba.

#### Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab

Andrea Bagley, Katie Bortz, Chance Bright, Emily Burcroff, India Fizer, Deanna Hearod, Anastasia Helton, Anthony Redmond, Eugene Riley, Connor Ruschel, Jack VanAssche, Sarah Wadsworth, and Mikaylah White.

#### Fourth Grade – Mr. Legg

Noelle Berthiaume.

#### Fifth Grade – Mr. Legg

Dylan Koons and Marcell Ward.

#### Fifth Grade – Ms. Mientkiewicz

Nickolas Bevins, Kyle Brown, Ataeja Crawford, Aprille Doktor, Matthew Eldridge, Austin Hampton, Tesa Hines, Otis Kemutambah, Rachel LaPorte, Sidney Morris, William Toner III, Kelsey Wegrzyn, and Shianne Wendland.

### Fifth Grade – Mr. Smith

Cheyenne Adams, Bryan Badilla, Nicholas Banko, Caine Caverly, David Druyor, Ian Kerr, Kaitlyn Keys, Benjamin Mach, Hunter Mason, Madeline Satterlee, and Katie Wegrzyn.

### Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Paige Gubaci, Thomas Heyward, Steven Honeycutt, Latasha Jenkins, Kevin Krampitz, and Danielle Lorbeske.

### Sixth Grade – Mr. Legg

Travis Glover, English Hill, Jimel Jackson, and Michael Kerr.

### Sixth Grade – Ms. Siegenthaler

Taelor Frazier, Kendall Hilts, Alexsis Jones, Kevin Littler, and Everett Mills-paugh.

## Halecreek Elementary

The following names should have been included in the Halecreek Elementary School honor roll that appeared in our February 9, 2007 issue.

### Sixth Grade – Mrs. Schiappacasse

Alesha Bailey, Alexsis Dillard, Denise Henry, Carly Paul, and Jacob Reynolds.

## Romulus Middle School

### ALL A's

#### Seventh Grade

Laina Barnes, Travis Bergman, Joshlyn Booth, Andrew Burcroff, Derrian Cooley, Jordan Council, Dayna Hearod, Eddie Hitchings, Desiree Kassa, Symone Martin, Michelle Mayfield, Frederick McAnally, Savannah Moffat, Bryan Moore, Sierra Nathaniel, Kayte Nickel, Steven Pratt, Jonathan Proctor, Averiana Richey, Chantal Roberts, Thomas VanAssche, Nathan Wilkerson, TyMea Williams, and Nicole Wilson.

#### Eighth Grade

Briana Glenn, Sarah Orr, Carman Plank, and Jennifer Sylvester.

### HONORS

#### Seventh Grade

Jalin Arrington, Andrianna Barden, Tashyanna Berry, Amy Best, Austin Bishop, Breonna Blakely, William Bonam, Jordyn Bond, Jeffrey Brown, Jessica Brown, Mariah Brown, Tiffany Brown, Katrina Bunyak, Desmond Cervera, Candice Cole, LaToya Colvin, Deon Cooper, Daijon Crawford, Jessica Dawson, Mark Diebel, Sarena Dillon, Heather Dotson, Delilah Ferris, Elexus Fizer, Courtney Flagg, Marissa Foley, Joseph Forbush, Jordan Frayer, Brittany Gaddis, Cierra Gasser, Le'Andray Gilkey, Amber Griffin, Holly Hammond, Caleb Hare, Devan Hearst, Mariah Hemmingway, Aaron Hicks, Briyonne Holt, Samantha Huff, Daria Jackson, Dasja Jackson, Keaera Johnson, Destiny Jones, Jenafir Kennedy, Jessika Kennedy, Michelle Kincer, Sarah Kreitsch, Taylor Kuss, Travis Laporte, Elexus Lee, Amanda Linnert, Rosalyn Lovelady, Jennifer Lukas, Sherrod Mack, Brandon Mahon, Victor Mangham, Anthony Martin, Dan-yelle Matthews, Johnny Maybin, Chelsea

McCoy, Jerry McCray, Richard McGinnis, Katrina McKinney, Gregory McNeal, Michael McPherson, Aaliyah Mosley, Steven Nemeth, James Newbill, Nakeya Pinkston, Jane Pitts-McGaughy, Com-modore Price, Laiken Randall, Lorane Rendon, Azia Riley, Miranda Sapp, Joshua Shellman, Cory Shults, Laticia Sims, Chelsea Smith, Myles Smith, Jade Stuart, Kelsey Sudol, Marica Taylor, Courtney Thomas, Cierra Toliver, Telecia Tomlinson, Anthony Warlix, Kayla Watkins, John Watts, Richard West, Briyanna Williams, Marcus Williams, Marquese Williams, and Corey Wilson.

#### Eighth Grade

Loren Adams, Bilal Ali, Tyler Anderson, Stephanie Andrew, Aprell Arthur, Haleigh Baval, Miracle Baynes, Rion Bell, Luke Blum, Brianna Boyd, Keli Boyd, Travis Brinston, Jasmine Brown, Eleena Button, Katelynn Buyer, Alexander Carter, Amber Considine, Raymond Crabtree, Ivory Cross, Angela Crossley, Zachary Curry, Lawrence Dawson, Spencer Defelice, Kara Delay, Diamond Dortch, Dylan Dotson, Danielle Doyle, Tiffany Eldrington, Dominique Ellis-Dorr, Brittany Forbes, Brittany Francis, Daijon Frazier, Angelette French, Justice Givhan, Brittany Glenn, Robert Hayes, Michael Henich, Brittni Hillard, Zoatta Hogan, Misha Hudson, Nakeya Jenkins, Lee'Ora Johnson, Jessica Jones, Breonna Kelly, Olivia Madison, Kelly McGlynn, Jesse McGrane, Shealyn Melville, Lucas Molic, Chanice Moore, Kahrah Noel, Joseph Pacurai, Dajuan Partee, Sarah Payne, Tequilla Phillips, Crystal Poet, Antonio Pressley, Tara Radford, Amanda Richards, Monae Riley, Jeffrey Robertson, Chelsea Roper, Malita Rutherford, Lawrence Sales, Nan Sheikh, Aaminah Siddiqui, Sierra Smith, Damisha Spann, Rachel Stanley, Jordan Stepchuk, Junaé Stephens, Jonathan Stone, Chelsea Thomas, Kyle Thompson, Sha-quette Tipton, Najee Treadwell, Nicholas Tripp, Amanda Wagle, Eric Wands, Astacia Watts, Kenya Weaver, Johlysha Westley-Brown, Onyx Whyms, Vanessa Wilson, Stephani Wood, and Naikiya Yeamen.

## Romulus High School

### ALL A's

Students on the "All A's" list maintained a grade point average of 4.00 or above during the second marking period of the 2006-2007 school year.

#### Ninth Grade

Jeremy Council, Tamara Garrison, Tierra Garrison, Karli Gibson, Justin Jadzinski, Jazmyn Jones, Sheila Reeves, Daijah Street, Ashley Wagle, Krystal Wegrzyn, and Brittany Wilkewitz.

#### Tenth Grade

Derek Bennett, Travis Dockery, Melissa DuFore, Christina Gillespie, DeShawna Hill, Michael Lammers, and Narjis Sheikh.

### Eleventh Grade

Rachel Arthur, Chelsea Earby, Vaughn Liendo, and Tranay Tanner.

### Twelfth Grade

Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Edwina Jackson, Joy Jendritz, Aurielle McCauley, Jessica Mills, Richelle Mortzfield, Jetaun Robinson, Erika Wasson, Theresa Windom, and Brittany Wright.

### HIGH HONORS

Students on the "High Honors" list maintained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99.

### Ninth Grade

Corey Arnett-Butscher, Aaron Bailey, Courtney Blakeney, Danielle Bland, Deandray Buckley, Elea'ele Buford, Ashley Bush, Markus Crowder, Brandon Davis, Leanne Dawson, Steven Destrampe, Shariay Gant, Sierra Gilmore, Timothy Graves, Shelby Hardrick, Erica Hayes, Louis Hill, Kevin Huanosta, Eghosa Igbinobaro, Donovan Johnson, Breana Keels, Caitlynn Lefler, Ashley Linnert, Brittany Little, Michael Lovelady, Victoria Mangham, Ryan McLachlan, Kristina Mercier, Tiffany Nerone, Jesse Norman, DeAndre Rich, Marcel Rogers, Nikita Rose, Amber Sears, Kazam Sheikh, Geridan St. Peter, Cody Szo-stek, Brooke Tanner, Zachary Toilolo, Ciara Turner, Ashlee Wade, Rebecca Ward, and Sheila Watts.

### Tenth Grade

Faith Adkins, Christine Amis, Cody Barnes, Loretta Blue, Filmore Bouldes, Joel Campos, Meriah Chapman, Denzel Charleston, Nicholas Curry, Timothy Dalton, Emily Davis, Lachelle Devoe, Arianna Diebel, Desi'Ray Ellison, Sky-luar Flores, David Forbush, Kathryn Forth, Brittany Frazier, Gary Hemmingway, Ashlee Hood, Derek Kinney, Katie Koester, Aaron Marion, James McGlynn, Gary Nemeth, Randall Norfleet, Cynthia Potter, Holly Schonscheck, Jessica Sylvester, Brianni Taylor, Adam Thornsbury, Jamelah Todd, La'Tonya Warlix, Samantha Watson, Briana Watts, Mary Watts, Kanaya Williams, and Stephen Williams.

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### Eleventh Grade

Antoine Baines, Heather Baval, Tiffany Conradson, Matthew Destrampe, Brittany Frazier, Kristina Hall, Tia Hall, Maura Harris, Steven Hawes, Katrina Jadzinski, Deonne Jones, Michael Lewis, Kyle Marshall, Amanda Menser, Arielle Morgan, Nakendra Pinkston, Leanna Pioli, Fred Sirhan, and Samantha Stewart.

### Twelfth Grade

Andrew Boyd, Miguel Brewer, Jason Britton, Lester Burton, Tara Campbell, Jessica Chapman, Katherine Cobb, Daniel Cross, Joshua Dew, Billy Diuguid, Jessica Donald, Cortez Dyess, Yetunde Emanuel, Shalayia Frye, Audrey Glenn, Angela Gondek, Tiffany Gray, Sequoia Harvey, James Hayes, Antoine James, Jessica James, Lisa Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Joseph Kiesznowski, Nicole Klages, Krystal McCloud, Tamila Myles, Ryann Norfleet, Amna Sheikh, Eric Smith, Monay Smith, Kevin Stobbe, Princess Stubbs, Patrick Sutter, Brittany Turner, Kenesha Upshaw, Jaclyn Vanmeer, Shakita Wilson, and Desirea Yates.

### HONORS

Students on the "Honors" list maintained a grade point average of 3.00 to 3.49.

### Ninth Grade

Allyson Adams, Raquel Bovee, Darius Bumpers, William Burton, Dominique Carroll, Dalissa Daniels, Kelly Defrank, Aaron Dismuke, Sharelle Dyess, D'Mario Ellis, Martel Ellis, Cieara Franklin, Gregory Gardner, Seth Gasser, Chelden Gober, Briyana Hall, Rashida Harrison, Joseph Herbert, Alexander Hicks-Gregory, Domonique Holmes, Sharnovia Humphries, Sha'Liese Jennings, Ivory Johnson, Marshall Klages, Kevin Lipkowski, John Mayfield, Victoria Newell, LaJaé Patton, Dyanmond Peters, Cassie Rice, Nathan Rice, Cherra Ross, Brianna Shreve, Aaron Shults, Chantania Smith, Chereé Stevenson, Derrick Stewart, Jack Storms, Trudy Underwood, Courtney Walker, Richard Walker, Cheyna Wallace, Briana Warlix, Ashley Watley, Desiree Watt, Elonda Willis, and Latasha Wyatt.

### Tenth Grade

Levi Adams, Stephon Archie, Chaz Atkins, Samantha Bankey, Jazmine Bass, Alanté Bridgeforth, Krystal Burrell, Fred Butler, Kathryn Card, Quindai Christopher, Shannon Clark, Cassandra Clay, Toni Cross, Emily Doyle, Matthew Franklin, Shalonda Frye, Travis Griffin, Brianna Grover, Megan Hammonds, Kayla Harris, Chelsea Hay, Joshua Hill-Barnes, Sarah James, Christienne Linton, Terrance Livingston, Tityona Lowe, Hailey Mangrum, Brandyn Martin, Alexandria McCarthy, Miya McDonald, Tamica Mosley, D'Onis Northington, Cheyenne Oakley, Nancy Odofofin, Nikki Odofofin, Byron Paisley, Latrice Parnell, Jennifer Perry, Candace Poet, Rashae Pree

Demitrius Price, Donnavin Searcy, Dion Shepherd, Carlos Sims, William Steele, Loren Townes, Brittany Turner, Lizbeth Valencia, Sharonda Vesey, Derek Warren, Alise Whalen, Ashley Williams, Amanda Zavitz, and Mariah Zockheem.

### Eleventh Grade

Antonio Armstrong, Dean Burcroff, Tiffany Clark, Heather Doyle, Stacy Fabinski, Alfonso Garcia, Dierrie Golden, Crystal Greer, Kourtney Hamilton, James Hoskinson, Marjus Hoxha, Idia-kosa Igbinobaro, Erica Jackson, Kristin Leigh, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Jacquelyn Logan, Brittney Losacco, Lori Loshier, Jerry McIntosh, Alyssia McVay, Alecia Morgan, Courtney Ramsey, Precious Richardson, Chenise Smith, John Stanford, Conishia Steward, Abigail Tieppo, Matthew Wagle, Tricia Wanamaker, Demar Watkins, Darryl White, Dyonna White, Daphanie Wiley, Alora Wilson, and Dominick Wilson.

### Twelfth Grade

Shon Aggison, Joshua Arnett-Butscher, Allycia Belcher, Sarah Berger, William Blackburn, Candace Boyd, Ronnice Bradley, Katrece Bray, Courtnee Briggs, Marcus Brown-Chastang, Akeem Burkes, Christopher Burton, Walter Chellette, Shaylin Clark, Larhonda Colvin, Kenyetta Davis, Kevin Dunn, Dwayne Edwards, Carissa Franklin, Leslie Hayes, Sharon Hayes, Steven Krasinski, Thomas Kuderik, Rebecca Labo, Joseph Lewis, Alys Long, Kaitlyn Lovenduski, Shane Lowrey, Stacy Mouzon, Tavana Myles, Daniel Parker, Blake Perkins, Devin Searcy, Cedric Smith, Courtney Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Jesse Spicer, Tariq Stevenson, Mara Thorne, Jazmin Warlix, Dakota Watson, Daryl Wilson, Rachel Wilson, and Aleshia Wyatt.

### Bethel College

#### DEAN'S LIST - FALL SEMESTER

Matthew Murray.

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*Editor's note: The Romulus News accepts honor rolls from all schools attended by Romulus residents. To submit your school's honor roll, fax it to us at 734-992-2052. □*

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF 60-DAY TEST OF AIR TRAFFIC NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES

Per a court settlement agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the City of Dearborn, the FAA will test two new north-bound flight headings (also called flight paths) for departures from Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. The test will occur in March and April 2007. During the test, two headings (055 and 060) will be added to the airport's existing Noise Dispersal Area, as permitted by weather and operating conditions. The purpose of the test is to enable FAA to determine the appropriateness of implementing the 055 and 060 degree departure flight headings for northbound departures. Upon completion of the test, FAA will return to using the existing procedures. Should the procedures be determined to be appropriate for implementation, consistent with the settlement agreement, an environmental review would be conducted to assess potential noise benefits and impacts. The environmental review would include public involvement and comment.

Comments concerning the test procedures can be registered by calling (734) 753-2202.

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## Obituaries

### Linda Suzanne Lovenduski

Linda Suzanne Lovenduski of Taylor, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at the age of 46.

The daughter of Kenneth and Linda (Holland) Choate (Romulus, MI) was born in Dearborn, Michigan, on Monday, August 8, 1960. Her interests included crossword puzzles, sudoku, reading, dogs, gardening, bicycling, canoeing, snowmobiling, camping, and cooking.

Surviving Linda are her parents; a daughter, Kaitlyn D. Lovenduski (Romulus); a son, Andrews J. Lovenduski

(Romulus); and a brother, Kenneth R. Choate (Taylor).

Among those who preceded her in passing was a son, Aaron Lovenduski.

A funeral service was held on Monday, February 19, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (The Evangelical Church) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund would be greatly appreciated.

### Mary L. "Lucy" Richardson

Mary L. "Lucy" Richardson of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2007, at the age of 82.

The native of Fayetteville, Georgia, was born on Wednesday, August 20, 1924.

Lucy, as she was fondly known, retired from Eastern Michigan University in 1990 after 30 years of employment. She enjoyed attending church, eating, crocheting, and sewing.

Among those surviving her are 2 brothers, Alvin Dupree (Romulus) and James Richard Dupree (Jackson, MS); 4 sisters, Nettie Belcher (Atlanta, GA), Marie Rucker (Atlanta), Rendie I. Ward (Romulus), and Daisy Bell Dorsey (At-

lanta); 15 nephews; and 12 nieces.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her husband, Floyd Richardson; her parents, Charlie R. and Mamie Bell (Askew) Dupree; 3 brothers, Wallace Dan Dupree, Charlie Richard Dupree, and Johnnie E. Dupree; and a sister, Ruby Dupree.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 15, at Gateway Baptist Church, with Reverend Marcus Johnson officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial contributions to the family would be greatly appreciated.

### Kathleen (Bruder) Darnell VanValkenburg

Kathleen (Bruder) Darnell VanValkenburg of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at the age of 57.

The daughter of the late Chalmer Bruder and Shirley (Fenn) Straub (Belleville) was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on February 25, 1949.

Kathleen, a Romulus Community Schools employee for the past 25 years, was an active member of several organizations, including Belleville Moose

Lodge #934, Eagles Aerie #3996, and the Huron Valley Conservation Association, and was also a strong supporter of Youth Awareness. She enjoyed doing civic volunteer service, being part of the Romulus Festival and Bicentennial committees, and taking part in events such as mystery trips and Relay for Life.

Surviving Kathleen are her husband, Ralph; 3 children, Aaron (Tracy) Darnell (Hope, MI), Ryan (Sarah) Darnell (Romulus, MI), and Amber Darnell (Belleville); 2 stepchildren, Brad VanValkenburg (Jackson, MI) and Amy (Pete) Mocer (Goodyear, AZ); 5 grandchildren; her mother, Shirley (Frank Kopka) Straub; 3 siblings, Sandra (George) Brown (Belleville), Keith (Ginger) Bruder (Willis, MI), and Dawn (Butch) Pluff (Willis); and several nephews and nieces.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her stepfather, Albert; 2 granddaughters, Kienan and Reegan; and a niece, Judy.

A funeral service was held on Monday, February 19, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville). Interment was at Alban Cemetery (Ypsilanti, MI).

Memorial tributes to the Michigan Moose Association's Youth Awareness Scholarship Fund would be appreciated.



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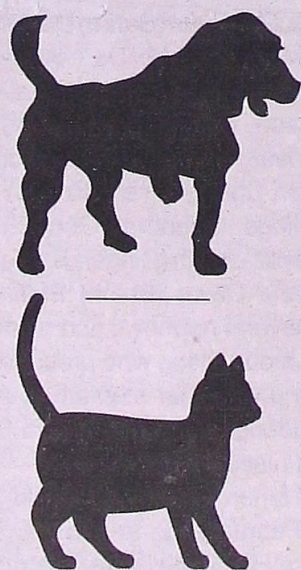
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